



Reading Toolkit: Grade 6 Objective 3.A.5.b

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Standard 3.0 Comprehension of Literary Text

Topic A. Comprehension of Literary Text

Indicator 5. Analyze elements of drama to facilitate understanding

Objective b. Identify and explain the action of scenes and acts

Assessment Limits:

Literal versus interpretive meaning

Selected Response (SR) Item

Question

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Correct Answer

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The Weeping Willow Wedding Day

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Cast of Characters

- Lynn
- Tisha
- Tyrone
- Grandma Singleton
- Daniel, Lynn's Father
- Claire, Tisha and Tyrone's mother
- Grandpa Will Singleton

Scene 1

On a sunny Saturday afternoon in June, Lynn, Tisha, and Tyrone are sitting on folding chairs next to a big tent in Grandma Singleton's backyard. All three children are dressed in white clothes with their hair neatly combed and their shoes spotless. They are ready for Lynn's father to marry Tisha and Tyrone's mother.

Tisha: Lynn you sure look nice in that dress.

Lynn: Why, you do, too! And your dress is exactly the same as mine.

Tisha: Guess that's because we are going to be sisters, starting today.

Tyrone: Don't forget your best brother!

Tisha: *(laughing)* I have waited five years for you, half of my whole life! Yes, you are my best brother, even if you are my only brother!

Lynn: I have waited eight years to have a brother and sister. I always knew it would be fun.

Tyrone: Fun — I wish we could have some fun, but we can't do anything at all, hardly even breathe. Grandma Singleton said if we get one little spot on us, we'll be washing dishes for 100 guests all by ourselves!

Tisha: We could play "wedding." We could even practice our parts.

Tyrone: Not me! *(Tyrone slips away but reappears high above them on the curving branches of a huge old weeping willow tree where hundreds of long, thin leaves cover branches hanging from the tree. Lynn and Tisha walk slowly down a white carpet, pretending to toss flower petals on the carpet.)*

Lynn and Tisha, *(singing softly)*: "Here comes the bride, here comes the... *(screaming)* TREE, watch out for the TREE!" *(Tyrone swings on a long willow branch and lands right in front of them.)*

Tyrone: Now that's the way to add a little fun to this wedding!

Tisha: Tyrone, you landed like an astronaut.

Lynn: Or a prince, ready to present a golden ring!

Tyrone: Or a star! Come on, I'll show you how it's done. *(All three children leave the stage. One by one, they swoop down and land exactly on the carpet, as Tyrone gives instructions. They climb back into the tree and repeat this several times. Sometimes they somersault down; sometimes they flip in the air.)*

Lynn: Tisha and I are supposed to be together. Give us both a push, Tyrone, so we can land together! *(Tyrone starts pushing and the girls begin to swing back and forth, but soon Tyrone has to lean too far over to push. He starts to fall as the girls are swinging wildly.)*

Tisha: Grab our feet! *(Tyrone grabs one of Lynn's feet and one of Tisha's feet. The three swoop wildly, miss the carpet, and then crash onto the fresh cut lawn. They bounce several times and land in one big heap.)*

Tyrone: Wow! That was the best yet!

Lynn: The coolest!

Tisha: The wildest!

Tyrone: The craziest!

Lynn: The loudest!

Daddy: What — who — what happened? Look at your clothes! What will Claire say? *(The three children look at each other and see that their once white outfits are now streaked with green. There are sounds of the first guests arriving.)*

Scene 2

Wedding music is playing clearly as one hundred guests fill the seats. Everyone turns as the music plays louder. Tyrone is first down the aisle, carrying the wedding rings on a pillow covered with willow leaves. The girls come next, wearing crowns of willow leaves and carrying baskets of flower petals and willow leaves. All of the green stains have been outlined to look like willow leaves. The bride Claire comes next with a bouquet of white roses and willow leaves. The groom Daniel has a small willow leaf on his jacket.

Grandma Singleton: You saved the day, Will.

Grandpa Singleton: What do you mean?

Grandma Singleton: Only you could make those willow leaves look so real on the children's clothes. Claire said they make today even more special.

Grandpa Singleton: Remember what I promised at our wedding? I will always take care of our family.

Grandma Singleton: You always have.

Grandpa Singleton: I always will. (*Grandpa Singleton winks at Grandma Singleton as Tyrone walks past him.*) I hope those three are ready to wash a lot of paper plates!